

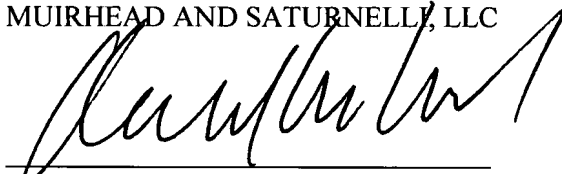
The references submitted herewith were cited by the Japanese Patent Office in an **Office Action** dated October 16, 2007 (copy of English language translation enclosed) for a counterpart application. Reference **AA** is an English-language counterpart application of Reference **BA**.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the space adjacent to each document on the PTO-1449 form and return a copy of the PTO-1449 form to confirm that these documents have been considered by the Examiner and made of record in this application.

Although we believe that we have appropriately provided for any fees due in connection with this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to/from our **Deposit Account No. 503596**. Two originally-executed copies of this form are being submitted.

Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (508) 898-8603.

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